Public Notice



The City of Rowlett has been granted a two-year extension by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBP2) in accordance with 30 TAC §290.115(a)(2) because it buys some or all of its water from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). This extension is warranted because the NTMWD is making extensive and complex capital improvements to the Wylie Water Treatment Plant to facilitate compliance with the rule; the NTMWD and its customers, have demonstrated a need for the extension by having one or more locations where high DBP results were evident or possible during drought conditions.

The extension is valid from April 1, 2012 to March 30, 2014. During this period, compliance monitoring will continue under the Stage 1 Disinfection Byproduct Rule. Compliance monitoring for DBP2 will begin on April 1, 2014.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Tim Rogers, Utility Operations Manager at 972-412-6196.

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Is the water safe to use?

Yes, the water is safe and there is no reason to worry as the water delivery processes have not been compromised.

What is a disinfection byproduct?

When the chlorine and other chemicals used to disinfect our drinking water is used up or breaks down byproducts are formed.

What are these disinfection byproducts?

Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic acids (HAA5)

What happens if the City finds these by-products in the water?

A positive test would result in additional line flushing and by flushing you would increase the chlorine present and remedy the issue.

What is DBP2 rule?

DBP2 rule is a testing procedure which includes numerous additional addresses for sampling sites for the disinfection byproducts.

So are we testing?

Yes, we are still currently testing and this clearly the addresses involved with the DBP1 rule.

Have we had failed samples?

No, all samples in Rowlett have been below the action level or maximum contaminant level.

By whose order was this issued? TCEQ

Who drafted the text? TCEQ "Mandatory Language for Compliance Deadline Extensions"

What does it mean to the average homeowner or user of water?

This is simply a require notice and no reason to be concerned as to the current water delivery processes.

What will they notice as a result of this action?

There will be no affects to the water quality.

What should they be concerned about?

They should not have any concern as the water delivery systems are safe and constantly monitored and tested.

How long should they be concerned?

They shouldn't be, as there is no immediate hazard as all standard for water delivery are being met.

If there is not really any concern then why was this ordered?

TCEQ required the notice to be sent to all customers to inform them that stage 2 testing which was to begin this year is not being performed until April 1, 2014. DBP1 testing criteria are still being performed.